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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A transfer heat press as claimed in claim 27 in which the platen frame is a C shaped frame.
4. (Currently amended) A transfer heat press as claimed in claim 27 in which the platen frame is supported by a pneumatic or hydraulic ram.
5. (Currently amended) A transfer heat press as claimed in any preceding claim 46 in which the lower platen reciprocates relative to the press frame.
6. (New) A printing machine arm and press combination in which the printing machine has a pallet arm for supporting an article to be printed and the press comprises:
a platen frame, adapted to encompass the pallet arm, the frame being vertically moveably mounted on a support;
an upper platen fixedly mounted to the platen frame and adapted to lie above the pallet arm;
a lower platen movably mounted to the platen frame, the lower platen being positioned below the pallet arm and further being upwardly moveable to abut the pallet arm; and
control means for allowing the frame and the upper platen connected thereto to move downwardly to abut the top of pallet arm when the lower platen is raised to abut the bottom of the pallet arm.
7. (New) A transfer heat press comprising:
a platen frame mounted moveably mounted on a support for moving vertically relative to said support;
an upper platen fixedly mounted to the platen frame;
heating means located in said upper platen;

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a lower platen moveably mounted on the platen frame to allow the lower platen to move upwards toward the upper platen; and

control means for allowing the frame and the upper platen connected thereto to move downwardly to abut the top of the pallet arm when the lower platen is raised to abut the bottom of the pallet arm.

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